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AND DE HONGKONG, LIMITED.

ORDINARY MEETING of the Association, under Clause 67 of the Charter, will take place at the City of London, (Shelley Street), on the 2nd March, at 6.30.

Directors, under Clause 67 of the Charter, will be elected on the 2nd March, at 6.30.

L. J. DA SILVA, Secretary.

February 17, 1868. 2014

NOTIFICATION.

DEFOO & TIENTSIN.

at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, instant.

DESPATCH.

Chiefs and Tientsin.

at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 22nd.

ST SHIPPING.

SENGERS.

Per Ajax—Capt. and Mrs. Gibson; 8 second class; 30 passengers.

CLEAR.

Singapore and Calcutta.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 1868.

CANTON AFFAIRS.

The deposed Governor of Kwangtung, Tsing Yili, took leave of Canton yesterday, after a series of addresses from the population of the city and its neighbourhood, such as no official within the memory of man has been honoured with. He is about to proceed to his native province, Hunan, where he will spend three months at his home before taking the field under the orders of the Tso Tung-tang against the Mahomedan rebels in Kan-su. A further ovation awaits his passage through Fatsien, and the entire population of the province, to judge from the tone of the inhabitants of Canton, appears to regret the departure of so energetic and upright an official. The rumour which reached us lately, to the effect that the Governor was meditating revolt was entirely without foundation, and our expressed opinion in its extreme improbability was modified only by a knowledge of the singular character which occasionally occurs in this queerly constituted country. The late Governor is currently credited with having, at some former period, been in arms against the Government, and a second change of politics on his part did not seem to be a very unlikely measure. It is this possibility which forms so strong an element of weakness in the Central Government. Degradation or other punishment of an offending official is so frequently followed by his abandoning his allegiance and throwing his influence into the arms of the rebel movements, which, like chronic pestilence, is ever sweeping the face of a section of the Empire, that the Peking officials hesitate to resort to measures of severity upon those at a distance from the capital or reliable forces. It is this fear (and we speak with positive knowledge) which has on many occasions saved the powerful Viceroy Li from feeling the weight of Imperial anger—notably in the affair known as the massacre of the rebel Wangs during Colonel Gordon's co-operation in suppressing the rebellion.

The report that the Viceroy Jui-lin had been removed from office appears to be baseless. It is but right to add that our information came from the North and from a source hitherto singularly reliable. There is of course a possibility that he may yet be recalled, but so far as we may learn neither he nor any one at Canton is acquainted with any step having his removal for its object.

LOCAL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon for the purpose of reviewing the jury list, and as the question of eligibility to decide on the fortunes and fates of men is rather a delicate one, the meeting was held with closed doors.

We observed that the flag of the *Rover*, (Admiral Keppel), of the American Commodore's ship and those of the Consulates of France, Spain, the United States, Holland, Portugal and Denmark were at half-mast during the forenoon. This was in consequence of the day being the anniversary of the death of Viscount d'Albany, late chancellor of the French Consulate. The mark of courtesy thus shown was much appreciated by the French Consul and his fellow countrymen resident in Hongkong.

Our Whampoa correspondent writes under date Feb. 18.—Two travellers arrived here yesterday, who, it appears, left their Colony on Saturday last, at 4 p.m., on an excursion of pleasure. The vessel in which they embarked is a small steam yacht, which for several months past has, I believe, been riding at anchor in the harbour of Hongkong. This little vessel had but proceeded a short way up the Canton river when the boiler began to afford very evident proof that it was not, by any means, in such good working order as it ought to have been, and grave doubts were in consequence entertained by the excursionists as to whether or not they would be able to reach their destination. The imperfection in the boiler was, however, to some extent remedied, and the little craft succeeded in leaving yesterday morning, at a point not far distant from the Bogue forts. Here the boiler became so seriously impaired that the excursionists could proceed no further. They, therefore, applied to some Chinese boatmen or fishermen, who, at the time of the crisis, were night at hand, to render them assistance by towing the disabled boat to Whampoa. To this request the Chinese expressed their readiness to assent, provided the excursionists would agree to their part, to pay for such assistance the sum of sixty dollars. This demand, being deemed exorbitant, was, as a matter of course, promptly declined by the unfortunate voyagers. Luckily, however, at this moment, the steam revenue cruiser *Hae-ding* lay in sight, and upon arriving at the place where the little craft lay disabled, she readily rendered the travellers the help which they stood in much need, by towing the broken-down vessel to Whampoa. The little craft is now made fast to the buoy of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, pending the orders of her proprietors, who, I repeat, do not reside at Hongkong.—On the morning of the 18th instant, another party of excursionists proceeded from Canton to the White Cloud Mountains with the view of enjoying a long walk, and procuring at the same time a good appetite for a very rich and tiffin, which had been sent beforehand to the monastery standing on the slope of the mountain in question. The walk had the desired effect, and the excursionists arrived at the monastery with appetites fully prepared to do honour to the creature comforts, which a prudent forethought had provided. Agreeing to lunch "à la trésoir" they selected for their repast a very romantic spot under a projecting cliff. Scarcely, however, had they set down to commence proceedings, when a few stones of some magnitude, very suddenly dropped by a number of fol-

lowers, and sportively inclined Chinamen from above, say 100 feet, fell into the chowchow, and caused, as may be presumed, no little consternation and amazement among the Picnicians. The domestics of these gentlemen were called upon to remove the stones with the vegetable upon the unreasonableness of their proceedings, and that having no effect, the excited party became in their turn the aggressors, and the Chinamen, as a matter of course, ineffectually "accadedled," and were seen no more. On arriving, however, at the spot whence the rubble had fled, it was discovered that the very chair-coolies of the excursionists, although no actual participants in the onslaught, were almost convulsed with laughter and merriment at the awkward predicament of their lords and masters *pro tem*. What followed this untimely display of jollification, I will not here enlarge upon, but of this I am tolerably sure, they will not laugh again at the improper moment unless they are quite out of the reach of danger themselves, but if nevertheless any one of them should do so it will be "on the wrong side of the mouth."

Our Canton correspondent writes—Last night may reach you after undergoing a double distillation at a distance of twelve miles, it becomes necessary to acquaint you at once of the programme which has been arranged for to-day (Thursday) the 27th day of Chinese month. At noon Cantonese will have the mortification of witnessing the departure of Cheong Yek Li, the Ex-Governor of Kwangtung, in an event which they will doubtless hail as a Calypso who was for Ulysses. After the peace offering, His Excellency will quit the city of Rams with a clear conscience without any grudge against anybody, leaving behind him any substantial proofs of his equitable rule and stern integrity, and carrying with him something more valuable than thousands of gold and silver—*Poa Papuli*. It is stated that he will stop at Fatsien en route, to attend the obsequies of a departed friend, Lok Pung Cheong, late Viceroy of Szechuen, who is said to have departed this life about two months ago, but his remains have been brought down for interment at his native place. He is spoken of as having been a duplicate of our illustrious friend Cheong, and as such was highly esteemed and respected by the people of the province, who manifested their deep regard for him by going into mourning for a week on the occasion of his death.

The Honan Library is a thing of the past; the new club at Shamen has been opened from the 15th instant. Adjoining it is a compound for athletic exercises. The Customs look-out is being substantially reconstructed, staunch and strong on the principle of a pyramid. It is likely to weather typhoons, and when completed will certainly do credit to the head which designed the construction. Your carnival of yest has drawn away all the *babushkas* from our settlement, which looks deserted. To make matters worse Boy Jones is also away on a spree.—20th Feb, 1868.

The following letter, copied from a Singapore paper possesses interest for mariners.—"Sir, I bring to your notice, in order that it may be known to whom it concerns, that the Spanish schooner *Rosalia*, which left your port after her arrival from Batavia in the beginning of November last bound for Manila, was completely shipwrecked on the morning of the 22nd of the same month in the waters of Mindoro, on an unknown rock not yet marked in the chart, and situated as follows—Lat. N. 8° 53' 45", Longitude E. Greenwich 119° 05' 28". Yours very truly, Carlos Cuatrecasas, *Profeta of the Catholic Mission*—Luzon, 6th Jan, 1868."

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL SESSION.

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and a Jury.)

Feb. 21, 1868.

The February Criminal Sessions commenced this morning at ten o'clock—Jury: Messrs. B. W. Coley, F. Farrel, J. A. Aldman, T. Collis, E. Farrel, Coley, and G. Agabeg.

**LARCENY.**  
Wong a clerk was charged with the larceny of \$450 in notes and a gold watch and guard valued at \$100 from Mehmet Ali, boarding house keeper, Lascar Row, on the 28th of September 1867. It appears that complainant left the money and watch in a chest box, on going to bed; next morning he missed the property, while his servant (the prisoner) was the only person to whom the property was accessible. Prisoner was caught in a house on the 21st January; and on being taken, he pleaded for God's sake not to be given in custody. Complainant replied that he did not mind the money, if he gave him back the watch and watch.

Sergeant (P.C.) Abdolah deposed to having accompanied complainant's servant to his house and there apprehended the prisoner. Prisoner pleaded not to be given to the Police, and promised to return the watch. Prisoner said that he knew nothing whatever about the affair; he went to another master, and did not steal the property. He had no witnesses.

The Jury having returned a verdict of guilty, his Lordship sentenced the prisoner to two years' imprisonment, remarking that it was very wrong on the part of his master to throw temptation in the prisoner's way.

**LARCENY FROM A JUNK.**  
A Chinaman named Sit Along was next called upon and pleaded not guilty, to having stolen two boxes of clothing and a quilt from the junk named the *Sun Ny Fat*, while in the harbor. From the evidence of complainant and two pawnbrokers, it appears that the complainant, Soon Yook, shipped as a passenger in the above-named junk from Foochow on the 1st January, and on arriving in the Lyceum Pass, he left his luggage on board until he went on shore to procure \$2 for his passage-money. Prisoner seems to have supplied "chow-chow" for the passengers, and complainant was indebted to the prisoner in a small sum on leaving the junk. On the strength of this fact, prisoner took the complainant's luggage and raised upon it \$1.48 at two pawnbrokers' shops, notwithstanding that he had been left in charge of the complainant's boxes. Evidence was produced in proof of the above facts of the case; but the prisoner endeavored to prove that he was asked by the complainant to arrange the matter by paying the goods. This Attorney General said that it was a monstrous notion, that a debt could be met by seizing a debtor's goods privily, to applying for payment. There was a Court for recovering debts; and it was

dear larceny to detain or pawn any one's goods to meet any debt due. As for the punishment under the circumstances, that was for the Jury and the Court; he wished to show the absurdity of such procedure on the part of a Creditor.

The Chief Justice, however, summed up clearly in favor of the prisoner; and the Jury returned a verdict of not guilty. After which the Court adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MISTAKE CORRECTED.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
HONGKONG, 21st February, 1868.  
SIR,—With reference to your impression of yesterday's date, I beg to call attention to your report on the "Hank Stakes," in which you allot the 3rd place to Mr. Preston's "Barabone," when in reality that renowned animal came in a very good second. I think it due to his noble owner thus to draw your attention to a mistake, which perhaps might make a difference to the betting circle in other parts of China. I observe that the error is in measure rectified at the foot of your report, but not being placed in the proper column above, might escape notice.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

A FALSE START.

FROM HIOGO.

(From our Special Correspondent.)  
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Kobe, Hio-go, 10th Feb, 1868.  
DEAR SIR,—The "Hio-go" and Osaka Herald will inform you that stirring events have occurred during the last few days. This Teyoon's former has been compelled to clear out from Osaka and Hio-go, Sakuma and Choudai are victorious, and it is supposed that the Mikado will become the ruler of Japan.

In the meantime, the country being embroiled in a civil war, there is no chance whatever of carrying on a trade. At this point there is no governing power, foreigners are compelled to protect themselves.

A short description of this place may enable you to judge what chance there may be of a trade in the future. A flat of sand fronting the sea, with a range of hills as a back ground; dimensions about 800 yards long, 300 yards broad. The Tokaido or main road of Japan runs behind the sand flat, called Kobe, appropriated to foreigners. The small Japanese houses, built of plaster in the extreme, and the inhabitants seem as poor as Chulchul mites. This road leads to Hio-go, a native town about two miles distant, containing several thousand inhabitants, also apparently of the poorest description.

The foreigners here number about one hundred. There are merchants, auctioneers, doctors, storekeepers and grog-shops. Up to the present time no business except selling chow-chow and grog has been done, and the greatest uncertainty prevails as to whether the place will ever turn out a success. Judging from the natives that I have met in the streets, I should estimate that their worldly wealth might reach about 50 cents a head, all round, exclusive of their mats and household utensils; beggars are abundant, and poverty shows itself in every shape. The Japanese merchants who were supposed to be awaiting the arrival of our cottons, &c., are mystified. In fact, you can find more wealth in any one street in Canton amongst Chinese Hongks than you can in any Japanese large City. That means, leaving out the Daimios, who may possess some little capital squeezed out of their subjects.

I am writing under difficulties, having no house, no furniture, no show-chow, in fact, nothing. We are simply existing, huddled up in Japanese *Shanties*.

THE NORTH.

By the steamer *Manchu* we have received Shanghai papers of the 15th instant. The following are extracts.

(*N. O. Herald*.)  
The balance of the working plant of the Shanghai Wharf Company has been sold by auction for Tls. 1,000. The Government has entered on possession of the premises. A plot of land with buildings, situated below the Old Dock, has been sold at auction for Tls. 3,100. The Shanghai Rifle Club has arranged a return match with the Hongkong Club, and also a small-bore match.

Ningpo is decidedly awakening and struggling back to life. We mentioned, a short while ago, that a Masonic Lodge was about to be opened there; and now hear that the residents intend to get up a Gymnasium, a Pique Court and a Reading Club. A correspondent writes to ask why the port has been overlooked in the matter of Harbour Masters. The shipping, he says, is in a flourishing state and likely to continue so; the gentleman who has, for some time, combined the duties of Harbour Master with others in the Customs service, should now be appointed to the distinct post.

We are glad to see from a report which has been handed to us, of proceedings in the Hankow Bankruptcy Court, re Maclellan Gordon & Co. that Mr. Maclellan has received his discharge. The general opinion has been that Mr. Maclellan was in no way responsible for the reckless trading of the firm in which he was a partner, and should therefore be individually exempt from penalty which might attach to the fault. The Creditors' assignees, sharing this impression, made no opposition to his application for discharge, which was granted. We notice from the *Hankow Times* that a Football Club has been got up at Hankow.

The wreck of the steamer *Nippon* has been sold in Amoy for \$5,000. She broke up almost immediately, and little or nothing of value has been saved. She was wrecked on a point marked on the chart, House Hill, about twenty miles south of Amoy. Fortunately the reef was flat at the spot, and she ran some distance on it, had she struck anywhere else in the vicinity the danger of loss of life would have been much greater.

(*Reinforced*.)  
An accident of a serious nature occurred yesterday (12th) in consequence of the Ocean Steamer *Ajao* coming in collision with the *Str. Japanese Family*. The latter vessel was moored alongside of the Wharf formerly in getting under way with a strong flood tide running was caught in the chow water between Pooking point and H. M. C. Consulate, and although well over on the Pooking side was carried across the river, and before her way could be stopped

she ran against, and crushed four ballast boats which were lashed alongside the *Str. Japanese Family*. The damage done to the vessel was the main yard and the main double spar yard carried away in the dingies and the bulwarks slightly damaged, the only damage to the steamer was that the fore top gallant mast was carried away. Had the ballast boats which were full of shingle, and well down in the water, not been between the steamer and the wharf, the damage would have been very great; in several Chinese who were in the boat were drowned. To show the strength of the current and chow-chow water, we are informed that the *Ajao*, Hospital Ship for men-of-war, while being towed from her berth to the New Naval Store Yard Wharf, turned completely round just a short time before the accident above occurred and about the same place. The Agents of the *Ajao* have, we hear, agreed to pay the whole of the damage done to the vessel and ballast boats.

It is stated upon native authority, that the Chinese Government intend granting permission to foreigners to work the Coal-mines in the *Shan*, near to Peking. A rumour somewhat to this effect has long been current, but it is impossible to say anything with certainty as to the likelihood of its being true.

News has been received by the last mail to the effect that the Master of the Bremen Bark *Siam*, who some time ago, was tried for barbitry, had his papers taken away, and was ordered to proceed home, has delivered himself up to his authorities in Bremen.

Yander (12th) the leading representative of the Consular body in Shanghai paid an official visit to the Chinese officials connected with the Embassy to the United States and Europe.

(*Evening Express*.)  
For *Filipino*, from Amoy, we hear that the rock on which the *Nippon* struck is well known and dry at low water, and it is said the Captain can only account for the misadventure by the strong wind blowing at the time and the force of the currents in the vicinity.

When the *Filipino* left Amoy, a Court of Enquiry was sitting to investigate the cause of the accident, and all who heard the evidence as far as it had been given were of opinion that Capt. Peak would be honorably acquitted, and complimented on the exertion he made to save life after the disaster had occurred.

The Tientsin Trade is already beginning to show signs of reviving vitality. The *Str. Yuen-tai* being circulated for quick dispatch. The prospect of freight must, we should imagine, be good, as we hear that, in addition to their regular liners, *Nanning* and *Yuen-tai*, Messrs. Trautmann & Co. have chartered the *China* and *Reconquer*. The *Filipino*, recently arrived from Manila and Amoy, will also try her fortune at the Northern ports. The *Str. Amoy*, to leave here for Canton on Saturday morning (16th) will there lead for Tientsin direct, and it is reported that the *Kiang* will be taken off the Ningpo and placed on the Northern line also.

The *Str. Express* has, we hear, been purchased by the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co., who will now command the line Ningpo trade, at any rate until Capt. Balthazard's steamer, now building at Tientsin, is ready for service. It is said that the *Str. Russell* & Co. named the *Warrior*, some what similar in build, as we are informed, to the *Kiang*, was by the last mail's advice, at Mauritius, en route to China.

(*Hankow Times*.)  
The arrival of the English mail on Sunday last by the *Tai-shan* (commonly but incorrectly called the *Tai-shan*) was marked by the arrival of a number of more than usually distinguished voyagers to Hankow. Dr. Satter, the United States Consul, from Peking; H. P. McClatchie, Esq., from Chefoo, appointed as Third Consul Assistant at Hankow, and M. Giquel, ad-jutant of the late Viceroy of Fukien and Cheking, with other only less distinguished passengers, were among the arrivals.

The New-year festivities appear to be kept up for a lengthened period in the native town. On inquiry we find that this is partly ascribed to the small number of outside buyers from the adjacent villages, whose inhabitants have paid but few visits to Hankow for making their regular exchanges and purchases of produce and goods, from the prevalent dearth of last year's season.

Bishop Williams, L. L. D., and the Rev. Mr. Nelson of the American Church, Shanghai, arrived at this port by the *Str. Amoy*. As these gentlemen are connected with the American Protestant Episcopal Church, they may be supposed to meditate the establishment of a Mission at this port. Such a step we should hail with the greatest pleasure, as representing the activity of American Missions in the East, now happily become a matter of history.

PIRATES AND WRECKERS IN THE RIVER PLATE.

(*Mitchell's Maritime Register*.)

The people of the River Plate and its neighbourhood have never had the best reputation for honesty in their dealings with foreign Shipping returning there, but we could hardly have supposed that they were Pirates or Wreckers, like the people of the adjacent coast of Brazil. A letter which has recently appeared in the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette* is, however, so circumstantial in its details, that it not only seems to establish this fact as indisputable, but to call for the intervention on the part of Her Majesty's Government which, it is said, has been already resorted to. The letter in question was addressed last October by Captain Helyar, of the brig *Hugh Block*, to the British Consul-General at Monte Video. On the 17th of September last, the *Hugh Block* happened, unfortunately, to get ashore at or near the Island of Flores, on the coast of Uruguay, not far from Monte Video. It seems she was immediately surrounded by about thirty lighters. The Captain had left the *Hugh Block* for Monte Video to procure assistance. The Mate contrived to keep the Lightermen off by until the return of the Mate, who was brought back in H.M.S. *Spider*. As Captain Helyar escaped on board his vessel, she was hoarded by about 350 fellows from the lighters, armed with axes and knives, who took forcible possession of the ship, and commenced cutting away at the rigging, and even attempted to break open the deck with a view to plundering the cargo. But for the prompt and resolute assistance of the *Spider*, the outrage would have been completed, the cargo would have been pillaged, and



